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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005. Claims 1-58 are pending. Claims 1-58 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-29 are said to be drawn to a material (ceramic) and method of making it, classified in Class 501, subclass 127;
- II. Claims 30-58 are said to be drawn to abrasive particles and method of making them, classified in Class 51, subclass 309.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-29), with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the

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undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

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